

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF IOWA,

PRAYING

The establishment of certain post routes.

JANUARY 8, 1840.

Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,

WOULD MOST RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT:

That, from the rapidity of the settlement of the country through which the respective post routes are hereinafter proposed to be established, a vast number of the citizens of this Territory are deprived of the benefits of mail privileges.

This Territory has been mainly settled since the establishment of any post routes by Congress, and are now destitute of all mail facilities excepting those which have been afforded by the establishment of a very few special mail routes.

Your memorialists would, therefore, most respectfully recommend the establishment, by law, of the following routes:

From West Point to St. Francisville, Missouri; from Fort Madison to West Point, Salem, and Fairfield, to the Indian agency; from Keokuk, by Farmington, New Lexington, Bentonsport, Keosauqua, Rising Sun, and Portland, to the Indian agency; from Keosauqua, by Philadelphia, Fairfield, in Jefferson county, Washington, in Washington county, to Iowa city; from Burlington, by New London, Mount Pleasant, Fairfield, to the Indian agency; from Burlington city, by Virginia Grove, in Louisa county, to Iowa city; from Fort Madison, by Baltimore, Mount Pleasant, and Trenton, to Brighton; from Burlington, by Augusta, Denmark, West Point, Farmington, to Palmyra, in Missouri, passing through county seats in its course; from Black Hawk, by Wappela and Fredonia, to Iowa city; from Bloomington, by Storm's Settlement, to the county seat of Washington; from Drury's Landing, in Rock Island county, Illinois, by Bloomington, Moscow, and the county seat of Cedar county, to the county seat of Linn county; from Davenport to the county seat of Linn county,

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on the territorial road ; from Rockingham, by Centre Grove and Moscow, to Iowa city ; from Port Byron, Illinois, *via* Parkhurst, Iowa, to the county seat of Cedar county ; from Dixon's Ferry, *via* Albany, Illinois, and Camanche, Iowa, by the county seat of Cedar county, to Iowa city ; from Iowa city, by the county seat of Linn county, and by the county seat of Delaware county, and by the mouth of Elk Creek, to Prairie la Port ; from Buckheart's Point, in Des Moines county, by Wappela, to Grandview ; from Dubuque, on the territorial road, established by an act of the last Congress, to Keosauqua, in Van Buren county, and to Palmyra, Missouri, and from Keosauqua to Jefferson city, Missouri ; from Montpelier, by the county seat of Cedar county, to the county seat of Jones county ; from Peru, Illinois, by Princeton, by Andover, Millersburg, by Drury's Landing, to Bloomington, Iowa ; from Galena, by Bellview, by Morton's Mills, to the county seat of Jones county ; from Charleston, by Goodnor's Mills, by Burleston's Settlement, by Elkford, to the point on the territorial road where the said road crosses the Wabsupincan river, and thence to the county seat of Linn county.

Your memorialists recommend the discontinuance of the following routes :
From Wappela, by Cateese and Sipenamo, to Napoleon.

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor be requested to furnish the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and our delegate in Congress, with copies of this memorial.

EDWARD JOHNSON,

Speaker of House of Representatives.

S. HEMPSTEAD,

President of the Council.

Approved December 23, 1839.

ROBERT LUCAS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Burlington, I. T., December 23, 1839.

SIR: In compliance with the request of the Legislative Assembly, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a memorial on the subject of *post roads* in this Territory, with a request that you lay the same before the honorable body over which you preside.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT LUCAS.

HON. RICHARD M. JOHNSON,

President Senate U. S., Washington city.